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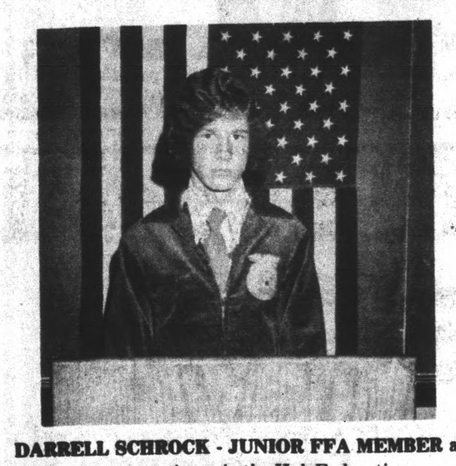


DARRELL SCHROCK - JUNIOR FFA MEMBER and 1976 FFA Creed contest winner in the Hub Federation.

☆ PATRIOTISM ON PARADE ☆

Attend an FFA meeting. Visit a Future Farmer on the farm or ranch. Go to their chapter banquet. Sit in on a vocational agriculture class in the high school. You'll witness Patriotism On Parade.

An obvious sign of strong patriotism will be an American Flag as quiet evidence in the classroom or on the flagpole. But not one FFA'er is ashamed to speak out and express his personal patriotism and faith in America. Members recite the salute to the flag each time they convene as a chapter, state association or at a national meeting. There are no snickers or horseplay; nor rushing thru the words.

And there's more. Look past this Flag into eyes and faces of the 450,000 young Americans in FFA. Listen to what they're saying. Youthful citizens with much to learn—they will be the first to admit it. Yet they're eager to learn. They want to build upon America's agricultural heritage as expressed in their Creed: "I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds---achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years."

They can hear America's call—the world's—of hunger. FFA members are students of vo-ag in 8500 high schools and are preparing for the challenge of feeding and clothing people. The industry of agriculture offers exciting careers after FFA. Foundations of citizenship, leadership and cooperation tied to agricultural education create loud reverberations.

Watch the parade go by.

FFA

THE FFA PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE TO LEARN, TO DO, TO EARN, AND TO SERVE. The FFA Agricultural Mechanics Skills Contest is just one of the many opportunities Appomattox FFA members have "to learn" and "to do". The Appomattox teams placed 1st and 2nd in the 1976 Federation Contest. The FFA Hub Federation consist of five senior chapters in Amherst, Appomattox and Campbell counties. Winners pictured (front l. to r.) are Mike Slifko, Phil Krajewski; Gary Tanner, (back l. to r.) Dennis Jones (high individual in contest) Ben Maxwell, and Tony Story (second high individual in contest)

WE CONGRATULATE FFA MEMBERS AND THEIR WORK FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE. Freshman FFA members William Brown (front), Glenn Gilliam, Larry Burrell and Ronnie Abernathy touch-up children's park as their part in "Building Our American Communities Program". The Appomattox Children's Park, completed last year is the first of three recreational areas being developed in our county in cooperation with other county, civic and school groups.

Congratulations to our local FFA members . . .

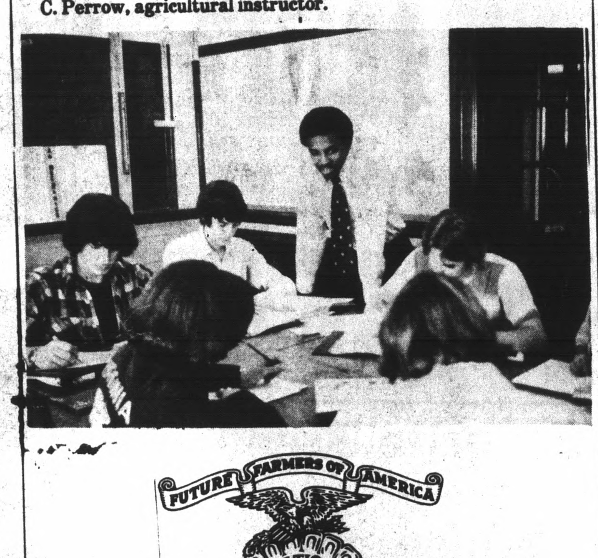
You'll be leaders for tomorrow's agriculture.

Angie Jones, Agricultural Production student at ACHS, proudly shows off two of her agricultural enterprises, a Tennessee Walker riding horse and colt, feeding, managing and keeping records on productive enterprises and part of Angie's supervised occupational experience program in her agricultural education classes.

LEARNING

Learning by doing is a basic principle behind the vocational agricultural education program. FFA encourages that principle. And gives the student-member a chance for GROWTH.

Richard Phelps (center) and David Robinson (r.) repaint Richard's tractor as part of their instructional program in agricultural machinery sales and service. Supervising is Mr. W. C. Perrow, agricultural instructor.



THE KEY TO SUCCESS

For FFA members the key to their success in life is vocational agricultural education. This sound program is headed by the local vo-ag instructor — chapter advisor. The program prepares the student-member for tomorrow's agriculture.

Mr. Arthur Wiggins, Vo-Ag instructor and FFA advisor at Appomattox Middle School gives individual help to his students. Other members of the instructional team at AMS are Mr. Barry Sauls and Mr. Dan Swafford.

The Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter

National FFA Week is an important time in the Appomattox Senior FFA chapter's program of activities. The chapter's 264 members are celebrating FFA Week this year by conducting radio programs, TV and radio spot announcements, roadside billboards, bulletin boards, displays, distribution of place mats and calendars, newspaper articles, and a school assembly program on careers in agriculture.

Outstanding accomplishments of the chapter during the past year are many. On the national level two chapter members, Mike Gallier and Phillip Lucado, were awarded the American Farmer Degree.

The chapter received a gold emblem award in the Building Our American Communities program. A silver award was received in the National Chapter contest.

On the state level the chapter crops judging team placed 2nd, Nathan Smith placed 3rd in the state tractor operators contest, The Chapter Parliamentary Procedure team placed 4th in the state, and the Tractor Trouble Shooting team placed 2nd. Seven members received the State Farmer Degree and Steve Lamb won first in the State Farm Placement Awards.

Chapter advisors include Mr. A. H. Carter, Mr. W. C. Perrow, Mr. B. K. Waddell and Mr. D. W. Torrence.

APPOMATTOX JUNIOR FFA CHAPTER OFFICERS - front row, left to right, Earnie Chenault, Arlene Preston, Phil Paulette; and second row, left to right, Timmy Marshall, Timmy Davidson, Billy Hansen, Mark Paulette, Robert Lawhorne, Jeff Moore, and Larry White.

Appomattox Junior FFA Chapter

The Appomattox Junior Chapter of FFA at the Appomattox Middle School is sometimes called a "Feeder Chapter". The Appomattox Jr. FFA Chapter with 230 7th and 8th grade members is much more than just the organization where students begin their association with the FFA.

The Chapter serves as an institution where members first receive training and experience in such traits as: leadership, cooperation, and responsibility. The Chapter also serves as an organization that develops good attitudes which will benefit the members all their lives.

The Appomattox Jr. Chapter is not just a copy of the Senior Chapter, it elects is own officers and carries it out on a program of activities. The Chapter is guided through the year by its executive committee. Besides this committee, each class period has its own slate of officers. With over 50 of the Chapter members holding some type of office, many members gain valuable experience in leadership and responsibility.

The Jr. Chapter carries out an active program. One part of the chapter activities involve the participation in local and federation level FFA contests. This year the chapter has or will send teams to the federation forestry, dairy, farm mechanics, public speaking and crops contest. The chapter will also send two judging teams, to the State FFA Convention in June. The chapter also participates on the national level of the FFA organization, for last fall the chapter president attended to the National FFA convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Besides participation in leadership activities, the members involve themselves in programs to better their community. By developing good attitudes and serving the community the Appomattox Jr. FFA Chapter is doing its part in building a "Future for America".

SALUTING FFA DURING NATIONAL FFA WEEK

FFA UNITS ITS MEMBERS WITH THEIR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE INDUSTRY OF AGRICULTURE. These FFA members recently attended the National Farm Machinery Show and Tractor pull in Louisville, Kentucky. While there they were able to view all makes and models of farm machinery sold and distributed in the United States. Along with their agricultural instructor, Mr. W. C. Perrow. They had an opportunity to talk with equipment designers and salesmen as well as key farmers participating in the National Tractor Pulling Contest. Pictured (l. to r.) are Nathan Smith, Donald Parris, Donnie Thornhill, and Baxter Parris. All four of these FFA members are enrolled in the Agricultural Machinery Sales and Service Course at ACHS.

KEEPING FAITH WITH THE FARMER . . . A BICENTENNIAL TRIBUTE

"I know of no pursuit in which more real and important services can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture . . ."

George Washington

When this nation came into being, its backbone was agriculture. The growth of our country has not diminished this sturdy spine, but strengthened it. As the bounty of our land increases every year, so does the importance of the men and women who make farming their life. Today's demands upon farmers are greater than ever. We salute you for meeting this challenge successfully. One of the young FFA members making big headway in meeting "The Challenge" is Frankie Hunter, senior FFA member.

Frankie (R.) explains Bulk Tobacco Curer to his Vo-Ag instructor, Dennis Torrence. Fankie, with his father and brother raise 46 acres of tobacco. On-farm instruction is part of the Agricultural and FFA Program in our Nation's public schools.

HUNGRY?

FFA members have youthful appetites. They appreciate having good foods and plenty of them.

As part of an FFA'ers vocational agricultural education, the student-member discovers the ever expanding career opportunities. It will take trained producers, processors, marketers and distributors to be sure Americans get enough food to eat in the future.

APPOMATTOX JUNIOR FFA MEMBERS explore careers in the total agricultural field, including marketing garden produce at local grovery stores. Pictured (l. to r.) are Arlene Preston, chapter secretary and agricultural class president; David Garrett, ag class secretary; and Phil Paulette, chapter and ag class treasurer.

Don't Read This

. . . unless you're interested in the future. Particularly America's agricultural future. Who will be its leaders? Who will produce the food? Who will know how to market products?

The vocational agriculture —FFA program of career education in agriculture strives to match the student's skills and potentials with likely opportunities.

These young men and women in FFA will be ready for the future.

Ronnie Richardson (r) discusses with Mr. R. B. Carter, vocational director for Appomattox County, the latest career materials in agriculture in further developing his skills and potentials Ronnie developed a speech entitled, "World Food Shortage". In FFA competition Ronnie placed 1st in the chapter contest and second in the Hub Federation.

Appomattox County Library

By Verna Conner

My column this week is dedicated to the memory of our first Librarian, Mrs. Violet Ramsey Harwood, who met her death in a tragic automobile accident five years ago, February 20, 1971.

Mrs. Harwood wrote the following article for the Times-Virginian, September 27, 1962:

WHAT IS A LIBRARY?

"Many Things - - - It Is Eyes: The eyes of forty children sitting enraptured in once-a-week stillness for a storytime; the urgency of that high school student who must have a book report right this minute; a Girl Scout leader who is searching for material on Conservation for her troop.

It Is Hands: The gnarled hands of old-timers selecting magazines and papers for quiet contemplation; the little fist with five pennies for the overdue, much-loved copy of Peter Rabbit.

It is Postures: The intense hunched back of students; the relaxed fiction reading of the house-wife claiming thirty minutes from a busy day.

Libraries like books are many things to many people. They play a vital role in a growing America. Your Appomattox County Library is proud to have a part in the life and culture of the citizens of this community."

Mrs. Harwood calls attention to several new books in the Library and then goes on to say, "The following poem says that books are bridges which we can cross to find not only wonder but to find ourselves. Such bridges lead to many lands - - into England where we can venture boldly with Robin Hood; into Spain where we can ride forth with the knightly Don Quixote de la Mancha; into France where we can live with the fearless Joan of Arc. So Come let us read "Books are bridges, shining free, Which link us to ourselves to be. No one has to go their way, He who chooses still may stay, In his yard or at his gate, While the shining bridges wait." Virginia Scott Miner - - from Stars to Steer By Louis Untermeyer.

In another newsletter for our local paper Mrs. Harwood highly recommends the novel, Tears Are For the Living by a Lynchburg author, Margaret Banister. In her summary of the novel she says: "Miss Banister has not created another Civil War novel. It is the century following Appomattox; it is the story of a family, their friends and acquaintances. It is both rich and real - - nothing sensationalized, no vulgarity, no deviation from good taste. Here you will find the culture, the development, the thinking of Virginia, the South, the North and the American people. You will find this well-worth your reading."

If you would like to read other letters by Mrs. Harwood, ask at the County Library for the scrapbook she kept while serving as librarian.

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"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

Yellow Crocus and Winter Jasmine have burst forth in bloom this week. A lot of tobacco plant beds have been sowed and even some have finished plowing.

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It's time to top dress small grain and while you are at it you may want to add 2,4-D to the liquid Nitrogen for wild garlic control.

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It looks like there just won't be any Kenstar red clover seed available this spring. The next choice would be either Kenland or Redman followed by Chesapeake. You'll probably find common red clover seed on the market. This would be the last choice - consider where it was grown and germination.

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There are many diarymen that need to consider additional storage space for corn silage. Dairy cows tend to function just like a crop. If you restrict the food or quality, you'll not get production - restrict plant food or the wrong analysis and a crop doesn't come through. Top production from animals or crops require adequate amounts in the proper ratio.

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Two Feeder Calf Sales are scheduled for Lynchburg on April 1 and 15. If you haven't sold through an organized sale before and feel the need to do so, let us know. We will send a form to those who normally sell.

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So far 63 farmers have taken the test for certification as a Private Pesticide Applicator. Another training session will be held March 11, 16 and 18 at Pamplin School, 7:30 to 9:30. This will be the last training session for this winter. Others will be held during the winter of 1976-77. If you plan to participate in the Pamplin School and have not picked up your manual, why not do it now so there will be time for studying it before the training begins.

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In recent weeks we've tested a number of silage samples. There is too much "wet" silage. The most often mentioned reason for high moisture silage is the need for harvesting before school starts. One option open to silage producers is to plant an early season variety, granted you'll take a one to two ton drop in production but when it comes to producing milk or beef it's probably worth the difference.

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Soybean producers may have read about the significant yield increase using a patented foliage fertilizer in Iowa. Don't go overboard with this idea yet. Remember, in their check plots they were getting 50+ bushels per acre. The point is stressed that yield increase occurs only if high yields are already being obtained. Secondly, the Mid-West grows an indeterminate type of bean which means the plants will have pods on the lower part of the plant that are filling at the same time that blooms are still occuring on the upper portion of the plant. Here in the Southeast the determinate type of bean is the major type that is produced. With the determinate type, the plant grows vegetatively until the day length is at the proper length to cause it to start flowering. At this point the plant ceases vegetative growth and produces flowers. Following this stage of growth, pod filling begins.

Soybean producers need to know that is happening - but we still need to go slow until we learn more about this practice in our area on our kind of bean.

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We strongly encourage the use of soil samples, but we need to take more of them in the fall. The lab at VPI can process 750 samples a day but one day last week the lab received 3,000 samples. Obviously, we are going to be running two or three weeks behind. Folks we need your help in order to process samples properly.

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PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	2.30
This Month	4.34
This Year	10.15

Evergreen

Pamplin Charge United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast at the Evergreen United Methodist Church Sundau. Feb. 29, at 7:00 a.m.

Pamplin Charge Bible Study and UMYF will meet at the Evergreen united Methodist Church Sunday, Feb. 29 at 7:00 P. M.

The officers and teachers Bible Study of Evergreen Baptist Church will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williamson, Friday, Feb. 27, at 7:00 p. m.

Several classes of Evergreen Baptist Church Sunday School met for fun and fellowship Saturday evening.

The Crusaders for Christ Median Adult Ladies Class and their husbands enjoyed a dinner and music in the social hall of the church.

The Spiritual Seekers Young Couples Class met for dinner and games and singing at the Evrgreen Community Center.

The Youth department enjoyed an evening of bowling and pizza in Lynchburg.

Mr. Chuck Hybl, Ruritan Zone Governor of Keysville, Va. was guest speaker at the Evergren Ruritan Club Meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 19.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker in the death of her father, Mr. Jim Lucado.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wooldridge and Mrs. Edna Young visited Mr. and Mrs. GilmerYoung of Pamplin Saturday evening.

Miss Beverly Harvey and Miss Pam Goodwin spent two days last week at Longwood College observing classes and touring the campus.

Mrs. William Garrett returned home from Virginia Baptist Hosital on Monday.

Mr. John Farrar, Mr. Raymond Carrico and Miss Virginia Lee Franklin are patients at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dixon and Swight and Debra spent Sunday in Roxboro, N.C. visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C O'Brien.

Miss Rita Garrett is collecting for the Heart Fund in the Evergreen Community. Dont forget to make your contribution.

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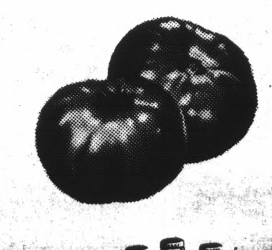

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LIBERTY NURSERY CHOIR TO SING FOR SUNDAY SERVICE

Children, ages three and four enrolled in the Liberty Baptist Nursery School music program, will sing for the morning worship hour February 29. Their teacher is Mrs. Roberta Mitchell and their music leader is Mrs. Joyce Vaughan.

A fifth Sunday in February occurs every thirty odd years and the congregation has been promoting Sunday School attendance for the "five fabulous" Sundays in February.

These children will sing a musical variety for this the fifth and climatic Sunday.

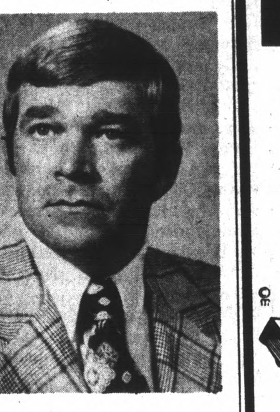
The children are, front row, left to right, Brian Canada, Mary Helen McLaughlin, Bret Stratton, Beth Carter, Robbie Coleman, Ruth Webbs, Kevin Ranson, Sherry Williams, Jennifer McCormick, and Sharon Jackson; and on the second row, left to right, Angela Thomas, Anne Tutwiler, Matt Wilbun, Terry Hamlett, David Fedison, Heather Bryan, Dennis Scott and Jay Stubblefield.

To Head Board Of Whiting Oil Co.

Mr. Terry M., Phelps, formerly of Appomattox, was recently elected President and to the Board of Directors of Whiting Oil Company, Incorporated, with general offices in Clifton Forge, Virginia.

Whiting Oil Company was established in 1926 and now has nine branch offices, and distributes petroleum products in thirty counties throughout Virginia.

Prior to joining Whiting, Mr. Phelps was Sales Manager in Virginia for Cities Service Oil Company. He is a graduate of Appomattox High School and Virginia Commonwealth University. His grandmother, Mrs. Mary F. Phelps, resides in Appomattox."



Terry M. Phelps

Taped Siren Sounds For Motor Vehicles Illegal in Virginia

Richmond - Taped siren sounds, reproducing the siren sounds of emergency vehicles, are illegal in Virginia when used on other than specified vehicles, Colonel H. W. Burgess, Superintendent of State Police, warned today.

These tapes, now being offered for sale in Virginia, are designed to be used on players installed on motor vehicles or portable ones carried in them. They reproduce the sound of sirens such as those on police cars, ambulances and fire equipment.

Colonel Burgess said that Section 46.1-284 of the Code of Virginia prohibits the use of any type of warning device on the highway which has not been approved by the Superintendent of State Police. He further stated that any vehicle must be rejected by an inspection station if equipped with a siren, unless it is specified an emergency vehicle by law.

Any one using such a device illegally can be guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to a fine of not less than $10 nor more than $100 or by imprisonment of not less than one nor more than 10 days, or by both fine and imprisonment, Coonel Burgess observed.

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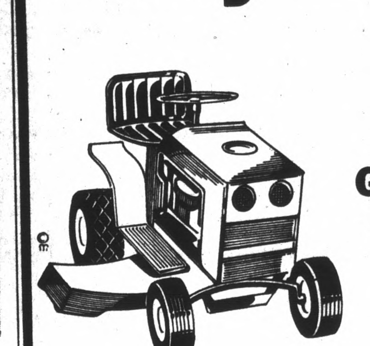

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